

A NOTE FROM THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF YOUR RETIREE COUNCIL

The Fort Leavenworth's 43rd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) and Health Awareness Fair will be on October 28, 2006 at Harney Gym. Although we looked at other options, the fact is that Harney Gym is the only location that can accommodate this event. We are working hard to overcome the audio problems and traffic flow patterns we have experienced in the past. We will have the formal program in one side of Harney and all vendors and activities in the other side. As you browse the vendors, we hope that you will take full advantage of this unique "one stop" opportunity to associate with them as they work hard to bring their services to you and your families. Additionally, both the PX and Commissary will be having specials for your shopping needs throughout the day. *More detailed information on the RAD is available in other sections of this bulletin.*

Typically speaking, most retirees want their flu shot when they come to RAD. We hope to have it available again. Please look for an announcement in the post newspaper, THE LAMP, as we get closer to the date for the availability of the vaccine. Additionally, Munson Army Health Center will post it on their website at <https://www.munson.amedd.army.mil> when it will be available.

Keynote speakers will be LTG (Ret) Frederick E. Vollrath, Chairman of the Chief of Staff Army Retiree Council and COL John F. Sackett, Chief, Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program (<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/crsc/index.htm>). We are sure you will find both briefings interesting and informative as they update us with the current issues affecting each category of the retiree family. Additionally, CRSC is a rather new program that is not fully understood and getting your questions answered, you may be putting money into your pocket.

Your Fort Leavenworth Retiree Council represents retirees from all branches of services and we welcome potential new members to attend one of our quarterly meetings. If you are interested in "still serving" your branch of service and retirees in your community, please contact our Retiree Service Officer for the Fort Leavenworth community in the Adjutant General Office or via e-mail at RSO@leavenworth.army.mil or contact a current council member. If you have any concerns regarding the Retiree Council or issues that this council should be aware of, please contact one of the Co-Chairmen. COL Pittman may be contacted at (913) 727-1629 or e-mail at jtpittman@kc.rr.com or SGM Lovett at Clifford.Lovett@us.army.mil.

As you prepare to attend this year RAD, allow extra time at the front gates if you do not have a current military decal on your vehicle. Please follow the directional signs as you come on post for the RAD events. Transportation will be available from the DOIM and AFI parking lots to the FCC and Bell Hall. *Please read this bulletin for additional parking information.*

Remember to mark your calendars for October 28th and we hope to see all of you at this year's 43rd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day and Health Awareness Fair.

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